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SUBJECT: IRAQI MISSION TO GULF

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1. LARGE IRAQI DELEGATION DESCRIBED IN REFTELS WHICH HAS BEEN
TOURING GULF DESCENDED ON ABU DHABI EVENING APRIL 28. IT LEFT
EVENING APRIL 30 AFTER ITS LEADER, IRAQI MININTERIOR IZZAT IBRAHIM
AL-DURI, WAS ABLE TO MEED WITH UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID AND
DELIVER TO HIM A MESSAGE FROM IRAQI PRESIDENT BAKR WHICH
REPORTEDLY STRESSED NEED FOR GREATER CONSULTATIN ON GULF
ISSUES AND COORDINATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND PETROLEUM PROJECTS.

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2. PURPOSE OF VISIT NOT CLEAR TO UAE OFFICIALS. THEY BELIEVE
IT WAS MAINLY COSMETIC IN THAT MOST IMPORTANT STOP OF DELEGA-
TION WAS KUWAIT, BUT HAVING STOPPED THERE, IRAQIS FELT HAD TO
STOP IN OTHER GULF STATES TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT IRAQI IS A
GULF POWER.

3. TIMING OF VISIT WAS NOT VERY GOOD. EXCEPT FOR MEETING WITH SHAIKH ZAYID, DELEGATION HAD FEW SUBSTANTIVE PEOPLE TO TALK TO. FONMIN SUWAIDI WAS AWAY IN PAKISTAN DELIVERING A MESSAGE FROM SHAIKH ZAYID TO BHUTTO AND SEEKING TO PLAY A CONCILIATORY ROLE BETWEEN PAK OPPOSITION ELEMENTS AND BHUTTO. MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS GHUBBASH WAS IN PARIS ACCOMPANYING ABU DHABI CROWN PRINCE AND DEPUTY COMMANDER IN CHIEF SHAIKH KHALIFA, WHO HAD BEEN INVITED TO MEET WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD AND TOUR FRENCH MILITARY INSTALLATION TO LOOK AT MORE MILITARY GOODIES WHICH FRENCH ANXIOUS PEDDLE TO UAE. MINISTERS OF ECONOMY AND TRADE AND FINANCE ALSO WERE OUT OF TOWN.

4. VISIT ALSO HAD ITS ABSURD MOMENTS. SINCE DELEGATION ARRIVED THURSDAY NIGHT AND EVERYONE WANTED A FRIDAY OFF FROM VISITORS, DELEGATION KEPT BUSY TOURING SIGHTS OF ABU DHABI (PORT, CORNICHE, ETC.) PRECEDED BY WAILING POLICE SIRENS AND FOLLOWED BY LONG PROCESSION OF AUTOMOTILES CARRYING BODYGUARDS. AT LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY GIVEN BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HAMDAN, WHICH DIPLOMATIC CORPS ASKED TO ATTEND, IT WAS A REPEAT OF WHAT OCCURRED AT MANAMA. HAMDAN COULD NOT HIDE HIS IDEOLOGICAL ANTIPATHY TO BAATHI GROUP AND EXCEPT FOR HELLO AND GOODBAY SPOKE NOT A WORD TO MININTERIOR AL-DURI. THEY SPENT THEIR TIME FONDLING THEIR PRAYER BEADS.

5. WHILE PRESS ANNOUNCED THAT BOTH SIDES DISCUSSED THE DRAFT OF ECONOMIC, TRADE AND TECHNICAL AGREEMENTS PRESENTED BY IRAQ, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT UAEG REACHED ANY CONCLUSION OTHER THAN INDICATE ITS WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE TO ATTEND CON-
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REFERENCE OF GULF MINISTERS OF ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE WHICH WILL MEET LATER THIS YEAR IN BAGHDAD.
DICKMAN

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